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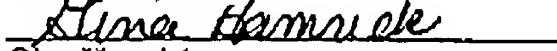
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated November 16, 2006, please consider the following amendment and response. Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-4, 6-19, 21-38 will be pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended, claims 5 and 20 have been canceled, and claims 21-38 have been newly added. The Applicants kindly request allowance of the pending claims. A request for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendment of the Specification is shown on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

Conclusion appears on page 14 of this paper.